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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| APPLICATION OF              | ) | RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  |
|                             | ) | EXPEDITED PROCEDURE          |
| ROBERT A. PYLES ET AL       | ) | EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 1791    |
|                             | ) |                              |
| SERIAL NUMBER: 10/733,657   | ) | EXAMINER: MATTHEW J. DANIELS |
|                             | ) |                              |
| FILED: DECEMBER 11, 2003    | ) | CONFIRMATION NO.: 2177       |
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| TITLE: METHOD OF TREATING A | ) |                              |
| PLASTIC ARTICLE             | ) |                              |

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 4, 2008 in the above-captioned matter and setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply up to and including December 4, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment as it is filed in an effort to present the claims in better form for consideration or appeal.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.